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REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
NEW CASTLE TOWN HALL – 203 DELAWARE STREET
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 12, 2000 – 6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Councilman DiAngelo
Councilman Marinelli

Councilman Davis
Councilman Reese

Also, present Mayor Houben, Mr. Robert Martin, City Administrator, Mr. Herb Swanson, Housing Enforcement Official, Chief Kevin McDerby, New Castle Police Department, Mr. Rick Harrison, Public Works Director, Mrs. Jean Williamson, Council Secretary and attached list of audience.

ABSENT: President Blest was on military duty.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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| Mr. Martin read the Building Official's Report | - | August 2000 |
| Mr. Martin read the Finance Report | - | August 2000 |
| Mr. Martin read the Public Works Report | - | August 2000 |
| Chief McDerby gave the Police Department Report | - | August 2000 |
| Mr. Swanson read the Health and Housing Report | - | August 2000 |

Mr. Reese made a motion to accept the committee reports as read. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Janet Carlin, City Treasurer read the treasurer's report for the month ending August 2000.

Mr. Reese made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BY DATE:

Acting president of council, Mr. Marinelli asked if council had read the minutes and if there were any questions or changes.

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2000 council meeting. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mayor Houben read a letter from William Penn High School requesting New Castle City Council sponsor a \$100 trophy for their band competition. Council has previously sponsored the trophy.
2. Mayor Houben felt it would be easier to explain the next correspondence instead of reading it.. Several weeks ago Mayor Houben and Mr. Martin met with the residents of Boothhurst. The builder has hired a professional consulting company to explain the responsibilities of the 145 residents of Boothhurst. The holding pond and the park are now the resident's responsibilities. The Boothhurst development is nearly completed.
3. Mr. Marinelli received a letter from AFSCME. At this time council had not responded to the letter. Mr. Marinelli stated the AFSCME representative and the city's representative will meet at a later date.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no business from the floor.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Houben had no business to discuss at this time.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Acting council president, Mr. Marinelli stated he had no business to discuss at this time.

Business from the City Administrator:

Mr. Martin stated that all city council meetings would now be held in New Castle Town Hall. Mr. Martin stated that all of the residents and council owe a gratitude of thanks to the New Castle Trustees for the beautiful renovations. Mr. Martin read several pieces of correspondence that were of interest to the citizens.

Mr. Martin then opened the 3 bids for contract 2000-02, vehicle towing and impounding services. The bids are as follows:

| C & B Towing (Part I) | First State Towing | A & A Towing |
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| 1. (a) \$42.75 (b) \$52.75 (c) \$68.25 | 1. (a) \$85 (b) \$85 (c) \$225 | 1. (a) \$75 2. (b) \$175 3. (c) \$100 |
| 2. \$21.50 | 2. \$30 | 2. \$25 |
| 3. \$21.50 | 3. \$2.50 per mile | 3. \$750 for 30 days |
| 4. (a) \$1.25 a mile (b) \$1.75 a mile (c) \$2.00 a mile | 4. (a) \$2.50 a mile (b) \$2.50 a mile (c) \$225 per hour | 4. (a) \$2.00 a mile (b) \$2.00 a mile (c) \$2.00 a mile |
| (Part II) | | |
| 1. n/a | 1. \$20 | 1. \$20 |
| 2. n/a | 2. \$20 | 2. \$0 |
| 3. n/a | 3. \$30 | 3. \$45 |
| 4. n/a | 4. \$30 | 4. \$0 |
| 5. \$21.50 per 24 hours | 5. \$40 per 24 hours | 5. \$25 per 24 hours |
| 6. \$25 | 6. n/a | 6. \$45 |

Mr. Martin stated the bids would be reviewed to make sure they met all bid specifications.

Mr. Jim Harris representing the Delaware River and Bay Authority spoke regarding the Pilot Passenger Ferry Program that will be running on Saturday, September 23, 2000 between Delaware City, Fort Mott, New Jersey and New Castle. The ferry will run from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and will accommodate 77 passengers. Mr. Harris stated they were trying to help alleviate New Castle's parking problems by encouraging people to park at one of the other 3 locations and take the ferry to New Castle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 2000-10 renaming 6th Street Extended to Glebe Lane.** Mr. Marinelli read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Resolution No. 2000-12 up-dating the existing City Zoning Code.** Mr. DiAngelo read the resolution in its entirety. This allows the planning commission to start reviewing the city's zoning code and to make written recommendations to city council. Mr. Reese made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Report from Special Events Traffic Committee.** Mr. Reese spoke about the progress the committee has made and stated that Chief McDerby suggested that the city take a re-look at their Assembly and Parade Ordinance. Mr. Reese then proceeded to tell the audience some of the recommendations that were made. He also stated any changes have to be done by ordinance and a public hearing would be held prior to a new ordinance being placed on the agenda.
4. **Consideration of comments from the Public Hearing regarding the adoption of 15 MPH speed regulation within the corporate limits of New Castle.** Mr. Marinelli recommended that we table this item at this time. All of council was in favor of tabling this item. Item tabled.
5. **Consideration of lease between the Mayor and Council of New Castle and the Bull Hill Boat Yard, Inc.** Mr. DiAngelo reported that the lease is in its final draft and that the club had requested some minor changes. Attorneys from both parties are reviewing the final draft.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion on parking on East 4th Street by St. Peter's cemetery.** Mr. Marinelli stated that the gravediggers for St. Peter's have stated they will not service the graveyard until the parking problem is resolved. Mr. Marinelli recommended that there be no parking from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. every day except Sunday. Mr. Henry Patchak who resides on 4th Street felt the parking restriction was unfair. He stated parking is already a serious problem on that part of 4th Street and this would make it even worse. He stated the entrance the gravediggers use on 4th Street was only utilized 2 times last month. Council will take the recommendations from the floor under advisement.
2. **Consideration of Resolution No. 2000-13 regarding special pay jobs requiring city personnel.** Mr. Reese read the resolution in its entirety. This resolution was necessary to make sure all city employees are protected under workman's compensation. This resolution will go into effect on October 1, 2000. Mr. DiAngelo made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Consideration of request from Bethany U.M.E. Church to close Williams Street on September 16th, 2000.** The church requested that the street be closed for a church function from noon to 5 p.m. and that no alcoholic beverages would be served. Mr. Reese made a motion that council closes Williams Street for the church and that they sign a hold harmless agreement. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Authorization for the Mayor to sign FY 2001 LLEBG Grant.** Chief McDerby explained this is a \$12,000 grant that the city has received for the last 3 years and helps the police department purchase equipment for drug investigations. Mr. DiAngelo made a motion that the Mayor be allowed to sign the FY 2001 LLEBG Grant. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Comments from the floor.

1. Mr. Ned Hutchinson wanted it to go on public record that George and Lynch, Inc. dumped a huge amount of new dirt on OSR space behind Dobbinsville. Mr. Hutchinson stated this is in violation of the zoning code and that the dirt needs to be stabilized and a sign needs to be placed warning individuals. Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Harrison did place a sign there today.
2. Tina Kelly from 2nd Street said she sent a letter to council asking for permission to have a block party at the Old Ferry on October 21, 2000. Council said that it was not on the agenda because it was not being held until October. Mr. Marinelli took a poll of council and all were in favor. The request will be placed on next month's agenda.
3. Mr. Petty spoke about a problem he was having with a fence. Mr. Martin assured Mr. Petty the problem would be resolved.

Mr. Reese made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and for council to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Executive Minutes as dictated by Mr. Martin, City Administrator

Chief McDerby discussed with council the two finalists for the positions of police officer through a COPS Grant. The council interviewed the potential officers. After the sixty-minute session Councilman DiAngelo made a motion to return to open session. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session adjourned.

Upon returning to open session at 9:55 p.m. Councilman DiAngelo made a motion to appoint Rinaldo Ruiz and Joseph Wyka as city police officers through the COPS Universal Hiring Supplemental Award Grant #98umwx 1954 effective October 1, 2000. Councilman Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilman Reese made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 10:00 p.m. Councilman DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia K. Fuller
City Clerk